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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2004 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

*****CENTER FOR HAITIAN STUDIES*****

8260 NE 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33138

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Meeting of July 28, 2004
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION – Janet Seitlin, FDOT**
 - B. MLK STATION UPDATE – Clinton Forbes, MDT**
 - C. 79th STREET CAUSEWAY – Michael Colucci, FDOT**
- VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- VII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**
- VIII. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST**
- X. MEETING DATES**

A. CTAC Subcommittee	9/8/04
B. CTAC Full Committee	9/22/04
C. MPO Governing Board	9/23/04
D. TPC	9/13/04
E. TPTAC	No Meeting
F. BPAC	9/22/04
G. TARC	9/8/04
H. LRTP	9/28/04
I. CITT	9/22/04
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25, 2004

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Mike Hatcher, Chair
Norman Wartman, First Vice-Chair
Naomi Wright, Second Vice-Chair
Rolando Acosta
Ken Carsto
Rafeal Casals
Joseph Corradino
Willie Duckworth
Daniel Fils-Aime
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Juanda Furgson, Citizen
Anastasia Sier, Citizen
Frank Talleda, MDT
Joel Perez, MDT
Surinder S. Sahor, MDT
Aisha Ferguson-Simons, MDT
Janet Seitlin, FDOT

Michael Colucci, FDOT
Alice Bravo, FDOT
Delfin Molins, PWD
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Robert T Carbello, C3TS
Desir Jacques, C3TS
Kevin Tilbury, Renaissance Planning
Jose Munoz, Gannett Fleming

Mr. Norman Wartman, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Naomi Wright moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Hudson Gaulman Jr. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Martin Nash moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mario Martinez-Malo. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

During the welcome, member Daniel Fils-Aime took the time to thank the Director of the Center for Haitians Studies, Dr. Larry Perrie, for hosting the CTAC meeting.

There were two new members that were welcomed to the CTAC Committee by the Vice-Chair Norman Wartman. Kenneth Carsto was appointed by MPO Board Member Jose Smith and Refael Casals was appointed by MPO Board Member Perla Hantman.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miles Moss, CITT member, asked CTAC to consider passing a Resolution in support of their Resolution that was passed regarding studying the benefits of school flashing lights. CITT has requested that a study be done by the MPO through the United Planning Work Program (UPWP) to see if current flashing lights benefits residents.

There was a 25 minute question and answer period that followed the public request from Mr. Moss.

Joseph Corradino made a motion for the approval for a Resolution to support the CITT's request for a study of the benefits of school flashing lights. The motion was seconded by Mario Martinez-Malo. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 9 to 8.

Jaunda Ferguson, concerned citizen expressed several concerns:

- The sign for the bus stop on SW14th Street says Key Biscayne and it should say Downtown Miami
- There should be longer seats on the Metromover.
- There should be a study done regarding if cross-walks are effective on Biscayne Blvd.
- She wanted to see the County develop new roof top standards for beautification purposes adjacent to the Metrorail.
- She also suggested beautification of the sidewalks, instead of just using concrete. There should be some artistic forms added to the sidewalks.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION-

A presentation was given by Janet Seitlin, FDOT, and their consultant, Kevin Tilbury, of the Renaissance Planning Group. They explained the objective of the livable communities is to create an easier way to access various modes of transportation. The project creates communities in a lifestyle of the old town centers where people do not have to go far from their homes to shop, work, etc. According to Mr. Tilbury, the project will help FDOT identify strategies that will make the area more livable for people in communities that are close to State Roads. Workshops are conducted for citizens to share their ideas and concerns.

Members had a brief question and answer period.

B. NW 79TH STREET PROJECT

FDOT's Bravo and Michael Colucci presented the NW 79 Street Project to the members of CTAC. They updated members on the project's status, explaining they are in the middle of doing a planning study that will be followed by a preliminary engineering study looking at the environmental components: natural and human. The NW 79th Street project was a part of a livable study and they are now looking at various developmental alternatives for NW 79th Street. Mr. Colucci explained that the workshop meetings are going well and they have received a lot of feedback from the public. They presented all current development alternatives in detail to the CTAC members. Mr. Colucci explained that some of the alternatives came from the workshop meetings in the community. The livable community project wants to restore NW 82nd Street to a residential area and keep the traffic on NW 79th Street. FDOT would also like to create a bike lane adjacent to the area. Mr. Colucci wanted to remind the CTAC members that nothing is in stone and these are just alternative concepts.

A brief history of NW 79th Street was given by CTAC members Mac Glasgow and Martin Nash.

There was a 30-minute answer and question period between presenters and CTAC members.

After discussion the CTAC members asked for FDOT to consider different alternatives and to have visual material for all of the members to observe. Members would like this item to be brought to a future subcommittee when they can provide more information.

C. MLK STATION UPDATE

Frank Talleda, MDT, updated the Committee on the progress of the MLK Station. Mr. Talleda stated that 1/3 of the garage was cut away because it did not fit structural repairs to the garage, but it has been refurbished and is opened for business along with the building. County staff has moved into the building. However, they are not done with the bus bay area. (the covered walkway leading to the station) They are scheduled to put in new bus shelters in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. Talleda explained that they did a load test and found out that cables surrounding the cars were not stable so they were authorized to put barrels of water in front of the cables. Finally, the landscaping has been completed for the site.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

At this time Vice-Chair Norman Wartman turned the meeting over to the Chairperson, Mike Hatcher.

Mr. Hatcher expressed that he would like CTAC to host the next MDT Marketing Workshop at their next full CTAC meeting on September 22, 2004. This is so MDT can get more feedback since the event would be televised.

A letter will be going out to the PTP Joint Marketing Task Force inviting them to the Full CTAC meeting.

Mr. Hatcher informed the members that their request was declined to receive monies for promotional giveaways and food for public meetings. There was a 30 minute discussion on how to respond to the letter and who to respond to. The Committee instructed staff to write a letter to the MPO Director, Jose-Luis Mesa, in an effort to receive local funding to have give-a-ways and food at public meetings. If that does not work, other alternatives will be considered.

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

No report

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

No report

X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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